

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 973

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mr. Roger Knight on his exemplary service to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those distinguished Tennesseans whose contributions to the prosperity of this state during their illustrious tenures in state government can be categorized as nothing short of outstanding; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roger Knight is one such estimable person, who has served with acumen and integrity for 30 years as a valuable employee of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority; and

WHEREAS, Roger is a lifelong Tennessean who graduated from Cohn High School and George Peabody College, now part of Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Knight was employed by the Tennessee Public Service Commission in June of 1970, and continued with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority in July of 1996; in 1981 he became a certified Public Accountant; and

WHEREAS, Roger Knight has consistently demonstrated interest and concern for Tennessee's consumers and public utilities alike as technical advisor to the Tennessee Public Service Commission and the Tennessee Regulatory Authority; and

WHEREAS, he has been meticulously involved in helping Tennessee implement monumental changes in the telecommunications industry, the most notable change being the breakup of the AT&T System in 1983, in addition to the implementation of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996; and

WHEREAS, Roger represented Tennessee on the NARUC Staff Sub-Committee on Communications in 1986 and served in this important capacity through 1998, where he painstakingly attended countless hours of meetings on national telecommunications issues; and

WHEREAS, Roger Knight is recognized throughout Tennessee for his dedication to public service and his thoughtfulness and consideration of others; and

WHEREAS, with his much deserved retirement from the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, the Authority and the State of Tennessee are losing a dedicated friend, associate and protector of the public interest; and

WHEREAS, Roger Knight exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to his job and beloved state that is characteristic of a true Tennessean, and it is important that he be appropriately honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Mr. Roger Knight our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, as we salute his 30 years of devoted and proficient service to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Knight with this final clause omitted from such copy.